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In re Application of  
Terry Knoblock, Gregory G. Carlson,  
Mike Golobay and Willis Mason  
Application No. 09/995,193  
Filed: November 27, 2001  
Title: METHOD, SYSTEM AND  
PROGRAM PRODUCT THAT UTILIZE A  
HIERARCHICAL CONCEPTUAL  
FRAMEWORK TO MODEL AN  
ENVIRONMENT CONTAINING A  
COLLECTION OF ITEMS

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: DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)  
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This is in response to the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," filed April 15, 2002.

The petition is **granted**.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Petitions Attorney Edward Tannouse at (703) 306-9200.

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Dear MIKE GOLOBAY:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Edward Tannouse at (703) 306-9200. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1(800) 972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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